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SUBJECT: FORMAT AND AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 1973 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING

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SUMMARY. DURING NAC MEETING NOVEMBER 21, PERMREPS GENERALLY ACCEPTED SECDEF'S VIEWS FOR STRUCTURE OF DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. AT NAC MEETING NOVEMBER 21, SYG LUNS REFERRED TO LETTER CIRCULATED BY RUMSFELD (DRAWN FROM REFTEL) AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT SECDEF'S DESIRES COULD BE MET UNDER THE AGENDA AS CIRCULATED. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER FORCE PLANNING ITEMS COULD BE HANDLED AS QUICKLY AS US HAD SUGGESTED. HE SUPPORTED INCLUSION OF INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING OF ABOUT 15 MINUTES ON AGENDA.

2. DE STAERCKE (BELGIAN) REPORTED THAT HIS MOD SUPPORTED SECDEF'S VIEWS. SYG CHARACTERIZED PERMREPS' REACTIONS TO US VIEWS AS POSITIVE.

3. BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS) SUGGESTED THAT NDAC START AT 0900 SO THAT DPC COULD START EARLIER. PECK (UK) REPORTED LORD CARRINGTON WAS WILLING TO START AT 0900 BUT UNWILLING TO CONTINUE THE MEETING SATURDAY MORNING.
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4. SYG SAID NDAC WOULD START AT 0900, DPC AT 0915. HE SUGGESTED THAT DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE BE ISSUED SEPARATELY IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING RATHER THAN WITH NAC COMMUNIQUE. NO ONE OBJECTED.

5. COMMENT. AS WE UNDERSTAND RESULT OF NAC MEETING, DPC
MINISTERIAL WILL BEGIN IN RESTRICTED SESSION AT 0915 WITH
INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING, FOLLOWED BY SUMMARY APPRAISAL BY THE
SECRETARY GENERAL, FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION SESSION SECDEF SEEKS.
MEETING WILL NOT EXTEND INTO SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 8.
END COMMENT
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